

## DEFENDING A FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE: CJA PANEL TRAINING

By the Federal Public Defender  
for the Southern District of Texas  
Presented at the United States Courthouse  
Laredo, Texas  
Friday, May 20, 2005

- 7:30 a.m. registration
- 8:00 a.m. **Introductory Remarks:** Margy A. Meyers, Federal Public Defender, S.D. Tex.
- 8:15 a.m. **Legal Ethics Issues in Federal Criminal Cases (A View from the Bench):** Hon. Micaela Alvarez, United States District Judge
- 8:45 a.m. **Legal Ethics in Federal Criminal Cases (From Defense Counsel's Perspective):** Brent E. Newton, Assistant Federal Public Defender
- 9:15 a.m. **Plea Bargaining and Pleading "Straight Up" (even if the prosecution objects and the court balks):** Marissa Perez-Garcia, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender
- 9:45 a.m. Fifteen-minute break
- 10:00 a.m. **Life After Booker:** Margy A. Meyers
- 11:00 a.m. **The Impact of *Crawford v. Washington* and Other Recent Federal Evidentiary Issues:** Brent E. Newton
- 12:00 p.m. One-hour lunch break (own your own)
- 1:00 p.m. **Recurring Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendment Suppression Issues:** Marissa Perez-Garcia and Brent E. Newton
- 2:00 p.m. **Predicate Offenses, Including "Crimes of Violence," and *Leocal & Shepard*:** Jose I. Gonzalez-Falla, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender
- 3:00 p.m. Fifteen-minute break
- 3:15 p.m. **Significant Recent U.S. Supreme Court and 5th Circuit Cases (not covered elsewhere during the training) --** Jose I. Gonzalez-Falla and Tito H. Alfaro, Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender
- 4:15 p.m. **Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorney Issues:** Guillermo Garcia, Attorney at Law, Laredo, Texas
- 4:45 p.m. **Concluding Remarks:** Marissa Perez-Garcia

For more information or to make reservations, please call Mary Fernandez at (956) 753-5313.